

## YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

Dear Blue Door Family,

Reflecting on my time so far as the new CEO of Blue Door, one thing has become incredibly clear to me: real change happens when communities come together with compassion, determination, and a shared vision. Every day, I see the impact that people like you make possible through your kindness, generosity, and belief in this work.

At Blue Door, the incredible team supports individuals and families experiencing homelessness through innovative housing, health, and employment solutions that create pathways toward stability, dignity, and hope.

Behind every milestone is someone who found safety, housing, employment opportunities, or access to care because you chose to stand beside them. Your support is helping people rebuild their lives and move toward brighter futures.

I hope the stories and impact shared throughout these pages remind you of the meaningful role you play in this work and the lasting difference you continue to make in your community. Thank you for welcoming me into the Blue Door community and for being part of this journey. Your generosity continues to fuel this mission, and I am truly grateful for all that you have helped make possible.

With gratitude,



Debbie Schatia  
CEO, Blue Door



# CONSTRUCT 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*October 2025*

Thanks to your support, Construct proudly celebrated its 5-year anniversary last year, marking an important milestone in creating pathways to employment and stability for individuals facing housing instability and barriers to the workforce.

Since launching in 2020, Construct has supported over 800 participants across York, Durham, and Peel Regions through paid hands-on training, industry certifications, job placements, and wraparound supports designed to help participants succeed both personally and professionally. Last year also marked the launch of Construct's women only cohort, creating more inclusive opportunities for women pursuing careers in the skilled trades. Construct continues to expand its impact nationally, and is now operating across three provinces.

Today, Construct continues to create meaningful pathways into the skilled trades, achieving an 85% employment success rate and helping 75% of participants improve their housing stability through increased financial security.



**85% achieved employment**



**75% achieved housing stability**



**Expansion into three provinces**



**800 participants graduated**



# 835 GORHAM PROGRESS

*January 2026*

## 835 Gorham Townhouses to open in October 2026



Thanks to your continued support, meaningful progress on the redevelopment of Kevin’s Place is well underway. Following the groundbreaking in November 2024, construction at 835 Gorham St. has steadily advanced, bringing the vision of 14 new accessible stacked townhomes closer to completion.

With an anticipated opening in October 2026, this transformation marks an important step forward. The underutilized property is being converted into a modern, purpose-built community for individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity. Structural work is progressing well, and the site is beginning to take shape as a place designed for dignity, accessibility, and long-term stability. With guidance from EllisDon Community Builders and Buttcon, the foundation has been dug, the concrete slabbing is complete, metal framing is up, and the wood framing is well underway.

While Kevin’s Place has long provided critical emergency housing, this redevelopment reflects a deeper commitment to meeting today’s housing needs through enhanced privacy, improved accessibility, and integrated supports that help residents move toward independence.

The redevelopment will include 14 stacked townhouse units, with 10 designated as deeply affordable housing. These homes will provide safety, stability, and a strong foundation for individuals and families to rebuild their lives and look ahead with hope.

We are deeply grateful for your belief in this work. Thank you for helping turn this vision into reality. We are deeply grateful for your belief in this work and for helping bring Blue Door’s first affordable housing development to life. As an important milestone that helps pave the way for Housing for All (HFA) — Blue Door’s initiative to create and preserve deeply affordable housing across York Region — this redevelopment reflects a shared commitment to transforming underutilized spaces into places of hope, dignity, and belonging.

# THE INNCLUSION PROGRAM MARKS 5 YEARS

*February 2026*

**6,797 total nights of safety  
and stability for youth**



For five years, INNclusion has provided more than just housing, it has created a safe, affirming, and supportive home for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness in York Region. As the first and only supportive housing initiative in the Region dedicated to 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, INNclusion was created to respond to the unique challenges many young people face due to identity-based rejection, discrimination, abuse, and housing instability.

Since launching in February 2021, INNclusion has helped youth aged 16 to 29 build confidence, independence, and long-term housing stability through individualized supports, life skills development, housing readiness programming, and access to affirming care.

As INNclusion marks its five-year anniversary, join Blue Door in celebrating the resilience of the youth who have walked through its doors and the continued impact of creating spaces where every young person feels safe, respected, and empowered to thrive.



*“For the first time in a long time, I finally felt safe  
enough to think about my future.”*

**Michael, a 2SLGBTQIA+ youth who after moving into INNclusion’s  
affirming transitional housing, where they began rebuilding  
confidence, stability and expressing their true self without fear.**



# COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR RICHMOND HILL 2026

February 2026

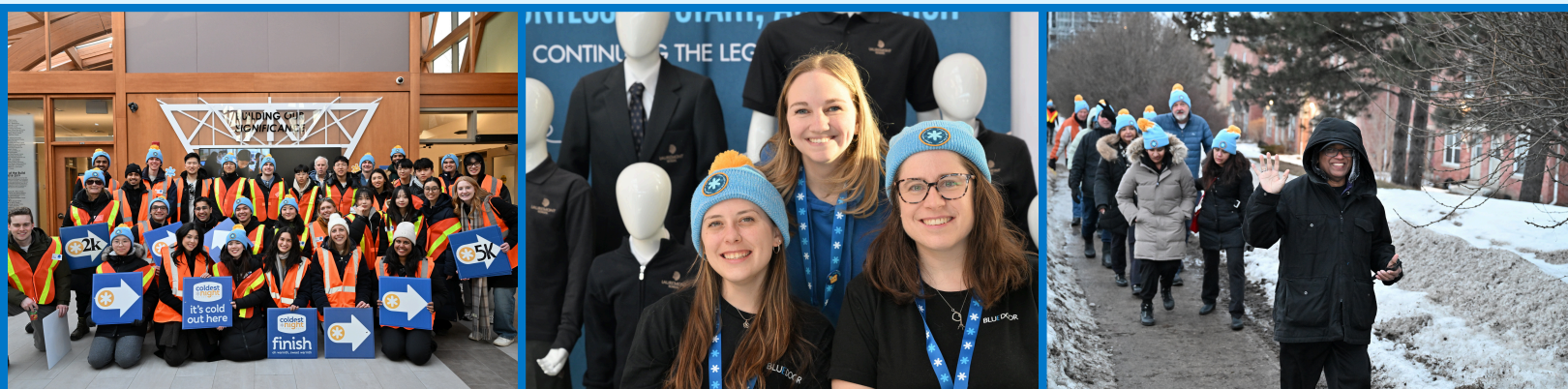
44 Teams \* 322 Walkers \* 85 Volunteers

## Exceeded the \$150,000 goal!

Together, you helped raise an incredible **\$167,576** — the highest amount ever raised through Blue Door’s Coldest Night of the Year campaign — with 322 walkers and 44 teams supporting people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity across York Region.

Presented by Fairstone, this year’s event showed the incredible power of community and helped fund critical housing, health, and employment programs that restore dignity, hope, and belonging. Thank you for walking beside us and helping create brighter futures.

Your support is creating lasting impact for individuals and families across our community.



Save the date! Coldest Night of the Year returns on February 27th, 2027.